

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-19 are rejected.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7 and 10-19 are amended.

Drawings

Replacement Sheets for the Drawings are included herein. Modifications were made in accordance with the remarks contained in the Office Action.

Specification

Replacement paragraphs for the specification have been included in order to give further explanation to the first occurrence in the specification of the terms OSPF and PNNI.

Claim Objections

Applicant has renumbered the claims in accordance with the Examiner's remarks. The dependencies of Claims 15-17 have been modified so as to not be duplicative. Additional explanation has been provided in those claims containing the cited acronym terms.

35 USC 112 Rejections

Applicant has attempted to clarify the claims in accordance with those concerns expressed in the Office Action.

Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1-8 and 14-17 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Ren (US 2003/0056138) and Claims 9-11 and 18-19 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) in view of Ren and other references.

Applicant has included herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 (a Rule 131 Declaration) which establishes a date of invention for the subject of this patent application prior to the earliest filing date of the Ren reference. As stated in the Declaration, diligence was also established for the filing of the application and its constructive reduction to practice. Accordingly, it is believed that the rejections based on and including the Ren reference have been rendered moot in view of the submitted Declaration.

Based on the above remarks, applicant submits that the claims have been shown to be allowable in view of the prior art and that the basis for any outstanding rejections has been overcome.

Conclusion

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the applicant's attorney at (732) 949-9742, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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If any additional fees are due with respect to this amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 12-2325

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